

**METHODS OF USING A *MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS* CODING  
SEQUENCE TO FACILITATE STABLE AND HIGH YIELD EXPRESSION OF  
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEINS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           The present invention relates generally to nucleic acid and amino acid  
sequences of a fusion polypeptide comprising a *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* polypeptide,  
and a heterologous polypeptide of interest, expression vectors and host cells comprising such  
nucleic acids, and methods for producing such fusion polypeptides. In particular, the  
invention relates to materials and methods of using such *M. tuberculosis* sequence as a fusion  
10 partner to facilitate the stable and high yield expression of recombinant heterologous  
polypeptides of both eukaryotic and prokaryotic origin.

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